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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1903.

Franchise Taxes.

The local Board of Assessors has received a certificate of apportionment from the clerk of the State Board of Assessors of the amount of franchise taxes due this town from corporations occupying public streets here. The corporations and the amount of the franchise tax apportioned to this town this year, and the amount apportioned last year are as follows:

	1903	1902
United Electric Company,	$690.47	$692.76
Essex and Hudson Gas Company,	1,106.51	1,869.60
North Jersey Street Railway Company,	2,229.62	1,038.55
Orange & Passaic Valley Railway Company,	428.87	384.44
Montclair Water Company,	212.03	192.74
Orange Water Company,	1,108.47	224.89
Montclair & Bloomfield Telephone Company,	3.15	21.70
Postal Telegraph Company,	.27	.26
N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Company,	229.83	167.16
Total,	$6,004.22	$4,292.17

The increased receipts to the town this year from the above sources are $1,712.05, but as $873.58 of this amount is levied on the Orange Water Company and is cancelled by virtue of the provisions of that company's contract with the town, the net increase is only $838.47.

The above tax is levied at the rate of two per centum upon the gross receipts of the companies above named for business done in this State during the year ending December 31st last.

Fair Price for Water.

The Borough Council of East Newark, at a meeting awarded a contract to Jersey City to supply the borough with water at the rate of $60 a million gallons. This action was a general surprise, for no intimation whatever that the matter was to come up was disclosed. The borough, in addition to these cheap terms, will receive also a discount of 5 per cent. when its bills are paid promptly. As Mayor Kenny stated, the community pays its bills promptly, which means that the water will only cost about $57 per million gallons. The contract has been made for five years. The resolution empowering the Mayor and clerk to sign a contract with Jersey City was voted for by every member of the Council.

Christmas at Montgomery Chapel.

The Christmas cantata "Santa Claus the Second" will be given on Chrismas Eve at Montgomery Chapel. Gifts will be found on the Christmas tree for the scholars and an enjoyable time is anticipated. On Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock the Sunday-school will sing a Christmas service entitled "Imanual," and in the evening at 8 o'clock the chorus will render "The Night of Glory," under the direction of the organist, Mr. W. F. Hastings. All friends of the school are invited to attend these services.

Broadway Theatre.

Fritzi Scheff, the operatic comedienne, is nearing the close of her highly successful engagement at the Broadway Theatre, New York. Miss Scheff in "Babette" has been the one pronounced popular triumph of the season. The big Broadway is crowded at every performance, and everybody is fascinated by the energetic personality and vocal attainments of the new queen of comic opera, charmed by Victor Herbert's swinging music, and delighted with the jolly comedy that runs through the opera. The entertainment has all the elements of popularity. A large chorus of pretty girls, tastefully and richly costumed, contributes to the effect of the stage pictures. And best of all, there is Fritzi Scheff, the new star, but already the most brilliant in the musical dramatic constellation. Theatre-goers of this town will make no mistake in seeing "Babette" at the Broadway Theatre the next time they visit New York. They will find no more attractive offering at any of the metropolitan playhouses during the holiday season. Matinees are given at the Broadway only on Saturdays during Miss Scheff's engagement.

They are busy. Who? Why Arthur & Stanford. They are always busy and have just signed a contract for plumbing, tinning, heating and gas fitting for Mr. A. C. Dale's handsome new residence to be built on the north side of Benson street. They are also overhauling the heating system of the Glen Ridge Hall and Library. If your steam or hot air furnace needs looking after give them a trial. Prompt and good work guaranteed.—*Adet.*

What Next?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: Political doctrines, social conventionalities, and theological creeds of time-honored duration, and of almost universal acceptance in civilized, cultured and reverential communities and nations are in danger of a necessity of radical adjustment to meet with the new order of political, social and religious relations that organized labor is endeavoring to force upon society. The doctrines of political equality, the inalienable rights of man, the system of moral ethics, stimulating education, refinement and culture, and the religious creeds founded upon the altruistic teachings of Jesus Christ will be swept away if the radical theories that lie at the basis of all labor organizations are to have sway.

Instead of liberty and equality the labor unions recognize only one law of life, and that is membership in the organization. None but members of it are entitled to the right to live. Cultured society is to be deprived of, the refining influences of poetry, art and music unless the poet, the artist, or the musician submits to the levelling theories of organized labor, and chains his ambition and aspirations within the circumscribed limits of the dullness and stupidity of the grossest ignoramus to whom he may be bound in ties of brotherhood.

So long as the despotic hand of organized labor was content to confine its laws of force and obedience within the realms of the political and social phases of life, some people were left to enjoy a tolerable degree of freedom from its tyranny, but a new terror has arisen and now it appears that none shall be permitted to escape, and having conquered the physical and material world, the walking delegate has decided to bring things spiritual as well as things temporal under his surveillance and jurisdiction, and has invaded the sacred precincts of the church, and right here in pious Bloomfield a manifestation of this extension of power was recently witnessed.

A church choir was arranging for an appropriate observance of the sacred festival of Christmas. The vocal music was to be supplemented by some instrumental music. One of the players amazed the good church people by the declaration that his loyalty to his union took precedence of his reverence for the church or for Christ or anything else in this world or in the world to come, and he refused to assist in the celebration of Christ's birthday, because some of those who were going to participate in the religious service did not belong to the same union as he did.

Here then is a specimen of the new theology that is to prevail if organized labor is to have its fling. Consternation among the angels over the prospect may be pardoned. Altruism must be cut out of future religious creeds, and the time-honored "Merry Christmas" must be properly labelled. GABRIEL.

To Give Christmas Cheer.

The Sunday-school of the First Presbyterian Church is preparing a Christmas box to be sent to the miners' children at Forest City, Pa. On account of explosion and other accidental causes there is much distress at that place, and the outlook for Christmas is gloomy. The Christmas box is intended to dispel the gloom in so far as the little folks are concerned. Any persons outside of the Sunday-school who may desire to contribute to the contents of the box in the way of toys, books, articles of clothing, or cash, can do so, and all such contributions will be thankfully received, and may be sent to Mrs. Theodore H. Ward, No. 41 Park place. The box will be sent away on Tuesday, and contributions may be sent in on Monday.

Westminster Church.

There will be the usual Sunday services, at which the pastor, Rev. George A. Paull, will preach morning and evening. The evening service will be a song service, at which time the Westminster choir of thirty voices and the church quartette will sing the Christmas cantata, "Prince of Peace," by John Spencer Camp.

Beginning the second Sunday in January the Men's Club has arranged for a special monthly Sunday evening of much interest to the men of Bloomfield. Detailed notice will be given later. W. W. Graves is president of the club.

Fourteenth Street Theatre.

Theatre-goers visiting New York the coming two weeks will be afforded an opportunity of seeing Robert B. Mantell in his greatest success, the old-time favorite and Dumas's most famous romantic drama, "The Corsican Brothers" at the Fourteenth Street Theatre.

It is hardly necessary to mention, except to our younger readers, that it was in this play that Mr. Mantell scored his greatest success in New York city, and it was at this same theatre where nightly for months New York's most fashionable audiences were entranced by his wonderful portrayal of the dual role.

The holiday stock of glassware fairly dances with light at the Dorflinger stores. Sets and single pieces encased for gifts. 3 and 5 West 19th Street, near Fifth Avenue, and 36 Murray Street, New York.—*Adet.*

Order your half-shell oysters for Christmas dinner at Hopler's.—*Adet.*

Basket-Ball.

The Montgomery Basket-ball Club of this town defeated the Eagle Basket-ball Team of Newark at the Montgomery gymnasium by the score of 26 to 19. The feature of the game was the passing of the Montgomerys and the accurate goal shooting of Thompson, Hardwick, and Lloyd. Squier did the best work for the visitors. The line-up:

Montgomerys		Eagles
Lloyd	right forward	Crothers
Hardwick	left forward	Cook
Duffy	centre	Selekin
Thompson	left guard	Whitehead
Ellis	right guard	Squier

Next Wednesday night at the Soho gymnasium the Montgomery third team and the Catholic Lyceum third team will play for 115 pound championship of this town. The team will line-up as follows:

Montgomerys		Catholic Club
Hardwick	left forward	Conroy
Lloyd	right forward	Selekin
Duffy	centre	Mahoney
Thompson	left forward	Caffrey
Ellis	right forward	Davis

At Union Hall Thursday night the Catholic Lyceum seniors defeated the crack Rubber Five by the score of 24 to 12. The first half was close and exciting, but in the second the Lyceum pulled together and won out by a comfortable margin. The features of the game was the playing of Manderschied and Maxfield of the Rubber Five, and Johnson and McGonnell of the Lyceum. The line-up:

Catholic Lyceum		Rubber Five.
McGinley	right forward	Maxfield
McGonnell	left forward	O'Neil
Johnson	centre	Manderschied
Durning	right guard	Hague
Higgins	left guard	Shorter

The Lyceum seniors journeyed to Oceanic, N. Y., last Thursday night and defeated the crack Atlantic A. A. team of that place by the score of 19 to 17. The features of the game was the long throw of McGonnell which won the game. The line-up:

Catholic Lyceum		Atlantic A. A.
McGinley	right forward	Ebulin
Cavanaugh	left forward	Tuttle
Higgins	centre	Brennan
Johnson	right guard	Vieman
McGonnell	left guard	Shephard

On Friday evening of last week a large crowd of basket-ball followers witnessed a very exciting and close game played between the Bay View Wheelmen of Newark, and the Oxford Basket-ball team of this town on the former's court, the Oxfords winning by the score of 14 to 10. Both teams were evenly matched, and it seemed anybody's game until near the close of the second half, when N. Bickler shot the two winning goals for his team, and sending the Bay Views down to defeat. Krause, Scott, Smith, and Bickler did fine work for their teams. This makes the fourth game won by the Oxfords, and met with one defeat. The Oxford team would like to book games with any first-class teams, and those wishing games should address the manager, C. H. Lancaster, Bloomfield. Line-up:

Oxford.		Bay View.
Smith	right forward	Krause
Bickler	left forward	Yalck
Krusmaul	centre	Herck
Schulthies	left guard	Scott
Trimbley	right guard	Hawthorne

D. L. and W. Passengers.

On account of change in the Passaic River drawbridge, the Lackawanna Railroad will not run any trains between Newark and New York next Sunday from 2 A. M. to 8 P. M. Arrangements will be made, however, for taking care of passengers west of Newark, and a few trains will be run from Roseville avenue through the Oranges, Morristown, etc., but no trains will be run on the Montclair branch. The Lackawanna management have arranged with the Pennsylvania and the Central of New Jersey to honor all kinds of tickets between Newark and New York, and same arrangements have been made with the Erie Railroad for honoring tickets between New York and the Oranges.

Omission Corrected.

Owing to an unintentional mistake on the part of the Memorial Service Committee the names of the following officers were omitted from the programme of the memorial service held by Bloomfield Lodge, No. 788, B. P. O. E., in Central Hall on Sunday, December 6: Esquire Harry G. Weeks; Trustee for one year, Wm. T. Spencer, Jr.; Trustee for two years, John R. Conlan; Trustee for three years, Chas. F. Hummel.

Heptasoph Election.

Bloomfield Conclave, Improved Order of Heptasophs, Thursday night elected these officers for the year: Past Archon, Leonard Haskell; Archon, John L. Hughes; Provost, J. Howard Hardcastle; Prelate, Cyrus F. Pierson; Secretary, A. H. Olmsted; Financier, George W. Heath; Treasurer, Leonard Haskell; Inspector, Harvey Harrison; Outside Sentinel, Wm Harrison; Inner Guard, Wm. Ritscher; Trustees—H. L. Osborne, Chas. W. Martin and Geo. M. Wood; sitting Past Archon, John N Delhagan.

Y. M. C. A. Notes.

A fine programme was rendered at the rooms last Saturday evening. The comic selections and also the earnest words of the humorist Jere M. Cobb will long be remembered. S. E. H. Eddy of New York was present and sang several baritone solos in a very acceptable manner.

Funeral of Joseph Hill.

The remains of Joseph Hill, husband of Mrs. Mary Hill (nee Harvey) were interred in the cemetery here on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Hill had been married only six months, and the sincere sympathy of many Bloomfield friends is extended to Mrs. Hill. The funeral service was largely attended and the floral tributes were numerous and beautiful.

Skating and hockey are now the popular sports. For skates and hockey sticks go to Chas. W. Smith's, No. 25 Broad street.—*Adet.*

Woman Suffrage in Colorado.

"The women of Colorado regard the ballot as a more serious obligation than the average man. The first year after suffrage was granted more books on political economy were bought and read by women than men have purchased and studied in all the years of the State's history. Already women are better versed in parliamentary law and in the abstract problems of citizenship and government than are their husbands and fathers. Woman studies her civic duties—man believes that he is born to rule and boss; that, like Elijah II., he is a divinely appointed statesman—he makes assurance a substitute for wisdom. Woman does not agree with man that statesmanship is the one business that requires neither training nor experience.

"The men have placed their religion, their homes and the education of their children in control of their wives; this responsibility gives woman a heart interest in political affairs. Upon all moral questions the affection and virtue, the wife and mother love, are safer guides to good laws and pure government than the ambition, partisanship and selfishness of man.

"If evil has come from equal suffrage I cannot see it, but I can see in it the germ of great possibilities for good. A few intellectual dyspeptics are pessimistic—29,461 men voted against suffrage ten years ago; a few of those may not have yet reformed.

"The only active opposition is from a few professional politicians who find that the qualified candidates for office have been doubled without any increase in offices, and those lawless elements who feel instinctively that in woman they have an unrelenting foe. The cause should be loved for the enemies it has made. No fair man can say that suffrage has been a failure. Every just man realizes that the priestess of the fireside altar needs the ballot to protect the sacred interests intrusted to her. Every privilege granted woman fortifies the manhood of the State. A perfect civilization depends upon the equal and joint reign of man and woman.

"Our experiment has brought good to man and no harm to home or to woman; there are only six women in the penitentiary and 600 men. The sweetness of woman has not been lost, her character has not been tainted, her nature has not changed. The man who patented the baby incubator has gone into bankruptcy. Colorado manhood has given to woman those symbols of liberty, the ballot and the latch-key, and after ten years they have no regrets, and would not take them back if they could."

The above is from an address by Governor Adams of Colorado.

Hospital Building Fund.

The new building of the Mountainside Hospital is already roofed in and is receiving its first coat of paint. It is even more attractive than the architect's drawings promised. Before the plastering is finished the Governors hope to have in hand the $50,000 necessary to open the wards free of debt. The Treasurer, Mr. Wm. H. Power, reports the following recent additions to the building fund: Previously acknowledged, $30,663.20; H. W., $100; James N. Jarvie, $1,000; Wm. H. Power, $200; W. L. Chapman, $100; Hendricks Brothers, $250; total, $32,313.20.

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OUR stock of good things for the Christmas season as well as gift articles is very complete. We invite your attention to the following:

Fancy baskets of fruit, with or without champagne.

Perfumes and colognes in fancy cartons, bottles, vases, etc.

Eleno Cigars and other brands, in Holiday boxes of 12 and 25. Smokers' articles; Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc.

Champagnes—all brands—half pints, pints, quarts, Magnums and Maximums.

Wines and Liquors.

Toilet Waters and Toilet Articles.

Preserves,	Mince Meat,	Stuffed Prunes,
Brandied Fruits,	Pumpkin,	Artichokes,
Grapes,	Plum Pudding,	Citron,
Nuts,	Soups and Sauces,	Orange Peel,
Oranges,	Chocolate,	Lemon Peel,
Cranberries,	Cocoa,	Fruit Glace,
Figs in baskets,	Pates,	Chop sticks,
Dates in boxes,	English Dairy Cheese,	Chop Frills,
Salted Nuts,	Roquefort Cheese,	Mottoes.
Maple Syrup,	Bent's Crackers.	

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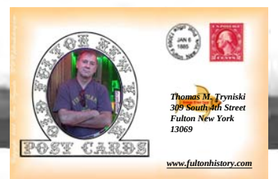
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